

September 27, 2006

Gerald M. Eaton
Public Service Company of New Hampshire
780 North Commercial Street
Manchester NH 03101

Re: DE 06-079 Statewide Low Income Electric Assistance Program
Waiver of Puc 1203.05(b)

Dear Mr. Eaton:

On September 22, 2006, Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a request for waiver of Puc 1203.05 (b) regarding implementation of rate changes on a service rendered basis. PSNH proposes to satisfy the purpose of the rule by implementing the change in the electric assistance program (EAP) discount percentages on a bills rendered basis rather than a service rendered basis.

In support of its request, PSNH states that there will be confusion between current and new EAP participants if the change is implemented on a service rendered basis, that similarly situated EAP participants will not be treated equally if the change is implemented on a service rendered basis, and that PSNH's costs to implement the program may increase as the additional confusion is likely to cause more customer calls to PSNH's customer services call center.

The Commission has determined that granting the requested waiver serves the public interest and will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission has waived Puc 1203.05 (b) to allow PSNH to implement the EAP discount percentages on a bills rendered basis.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary